Deaths

Gentry W. Megginson

Gentry W. Megginson, of Route 2, Concord, departed this life Tuesday, July 3, 1984, at his residence.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Clinton and Elizabeth Davidson Megginson. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Evelyn B. Megginson. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Maxine Saunders, Mrs. Dorothy Gilmore, Mrs. Martha Sue Hillard and Mrs. Dianna Lyn Whipple, all of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. Phyllis Barnes, Concord; four brothers, Hezekiah Megginson, Spurgeon Megginson and Eldridge Megginson, all of Concord; and Curtis Megginson of Fegeton, W. Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Davis and Mrs. Ida Ferguson, both of Concord, and Mrs. Reva Smith of New York; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, with the Rev. Curtis Elliott officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

William Thomas Riley

William Thomas Riley, 74, of Route 2, Rustburg, died in Lynchburg General Hospital at 4:20 p.m. July 5, after a long illness. He was the husband of Mabel S. Riley.

He was born in Campbell County April 23, 1910, the son of the late Samuel F. Riley and Elizabeth Reynolds Riley.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Doris) Cash and Mrs. Lindy (Jean) Miller, both of Route 2, Rustburg; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lola Krantz, Camelot Hall Nursing Home, and Mrs. Lucielle Austin, Appomattox; two brothers, Johnnie A. Riley, Rustburg, and Richard Riley of Rural Retreat.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 8 at New Chapel Baptist Church, with the Revs. Douglas Gibson, Tom Jammies and Arthur Yeager officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorials, please consider the Rustburg Rescue Squad.

Ruth Marsh Williamson

Ruth Marsh Williamson, 89, of Route 4, died Saturday, July 7, 1984 in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late William Lee Williamson.

She was born in Appomattox County, a daughter of the late Stephen Thomas and Elvira Gordon Marsh. She was a member of Red Oak Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Elbert Lee Williamson and William Henry Williamson, both of Appomattox; three daughters, Mrs. Audrey W. Phelps and Mrs. Nell W. Cabaniss, both of Appomattox, and Melva G. Williamson, Evington; and 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Mervyn W. Williamson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. David Beale, with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad.

Rosa Johnson Tinnell

Rosa Johnson Tinnell, 81, of Route 3, Appomattox, died June 30, 1984 at 4:40 p.m. in Guggenheimer Hospital in Lynchburg. She was the wife of C. Henry Tinnell.

Born January 16, 1903 in Charlotte County, she was a daughter of the late Floyd Johnson and Lillian Almond Johnson. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ana (Mary) Martin of Appomattox, Mrs. Stratton (Doris) Franklin of Richmond, Mrs. Lloyd (Becky) Bryant of Appomattox; two sons, Charles H. Tinnell of Richmond and Ryland Tinnel, also of Richmond; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on July 2 at Robinson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Lee officiating. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Spec. Ed. committee meets Aug. 2

The Appomattox County Special Education Advisory Committee will meet on Aug. 2 at 3 p.m. in the School Board office on Main Street, Appomattox.

This group offers recommendations to the school board regarding special education programs. Persons in the community may discuss special education services with members of the committee or School Board office personnel.

Mr. Bob Jamerson serves as committee chairman.

Committee members include Mr. Bruce Williams, Mrs. Brenda Richardson, Miss Patsi Barrow, Mrs. Judy Taylor, Ms. Eva Moore, Mrs. Larry Wright, Mr. Harrison West, Mrs. Wayne Shoemaker, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Cecil Nash, Mrs. Nancy Woods, Mrs. F.J. Carter, Mrs. Ann Reynolds, Mr. Bob Jamerson, Mrs. Ruby Williamson, Mrs. Henrietta Johnson, Mr. John McLean, Mrs. Jane Wright, Mrs. Gloria Humbles, Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, and Mrs. Jean A. Hesson.

APPOMATTOX LIONS CLUB officers for 1984-85 were installed at the club's last meeting. Shown above are (from left) Harry Day, past zone governor, installing officer; George Morris, third vice president; Jim Setzer, outgoing president; Jon Montgomery, tailwister; R. Murrell Ferguson, secretary and treasurer; Dan Turner, first vice president; Lon Vaughan, second vice president; Lloyd Wellon, lion tamer; Clark Jones, one-year director; Marvin Hesse, president; Doug Webb, two-year director; Bill Sherrod, two-year director. Not shown is Walter Hancock, one-year director.

'Hearing' pamphlet available

The pamphlet "Summer Learning Tips" has been distributed in our area. It is designed for students in grades kindergarten through six. It will provide parents with suggestions for learning activities and a recommended reading list for the summer months.

Copies of the "Summer Learning Tips" are available at the County Library, the Elementary School Library and the Primary School.

The pamphlets are free. They are being provided by the American Federation of Teachers, and distributed by the Central Virginia Federation of Teachers. Copies can also be obtained by writing to CVFT* P.O. Box 126, Concord, Va. 24538, or calling 993-2262.

Abuse problem worse

Spouse abuse is on the increase. A cross-cultural behavior pattern, spouse abuse has no monopoly on race or cultural status.

Whether it is the wife who is abused or the husband, there is a greater need for spouse abuse shelter. Appomattox County uses C.A.R.E., Lynchburg Spoue Abuse Center.

Several interesting questions presented by statistics on spouse abuse include: Why is there a higher percentage of white abused spouses? Does this indicate that there is a greater tendency among blacks to look after their own or that there is a greater tendency among whites to report the abuse?

Statistics show that most abused spouses who seek shelter have children with them. A recent statute passed by the 1984 General Assembly stipulates that the spouse abuser must be ordered to leave the home, thus leaving the abused victim and the children in the house where they are living. This means less confusion for the children and the adults.

According to 1983 statistics compiled by the Virginia Department of Social Services' Spouse Abuse Program, there were 10,587 requests for help from abused women in 1983; 91 from abused men and 453 requests for service from 453 abusers.

Figures for 1983 also show 1,375 women were sheltered; 1,966 children accompanied these women to shelters and 240 requests for shelter were put on waiting lists.

While a large percentage of those seeking shelter stayed for a short-term temporary respite from an immediate crisis, there were also significant numbers of those who needed shelter while looking for longer-term solutions to the problem of abuse.

The majority of women in 1983 were white and between the ages of 18 and 29; six percent of those seeking services were pregnant.

The majority of children receiving services in 1983 were white and pre-school age. The highest percentage of family units served were from urban areas, although a sizable percentage of those served were from rural communities.

The requests for service from abused women, abused men and abusers have all increased. And, although fewer woman and children were sheltered in 1983, the waiting list for shelter space has almost doubled. Twice the number of women and children requesting shelter space were denied access due to lack of available space in 1983 as compared to 1982.

For further information on this statistical report, please contact the Bureau of Adult and Family Services, Department of Social Services, 8007 Discovery Dr., Richmond, Va. 23288, (804) 281-9029; or Richard Martin, senior adult services worker, Appomattox Department of Social Services, (804) 352-7125.

BARBARA JEAN BROGGIN (center), a student at Appomattox Elementary School, will leave Sunday, Aug. 5 for a 12-day session at Virginia Camp Easter Seal. Shown with Barbara Jean is Durinda Saxton (left), TMR teacher at Appomattox Elementary School, and Nancy May, representing GFWC Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, which is sponsoring Barbara Jean's trip. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

12-Day session

Local girls to attend VCES

Barbara Jean Broggin will leave Appomattox Aug. 5 to attend a 12-day session at Virginia Camp Easter Seal in Craig County.

While at Camp Easter Seal, she may take part in a variety of programs, including nature and camping, swimming, photography, horseback riding, and other physical activities.

The activities and environment of Camp Easter Seal provide unique opportunities to nurture the physical, mental and social growth of the individuals who attend.

Barbara Jean is the daughter of Barbara A. Broggin of Route 1, Appomattox, and attends Appomattox Elementary School.

Sponsorship for Barbara Jean to attend Camp Easter Seal came from the GFWC Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

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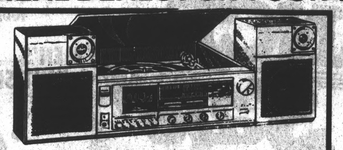

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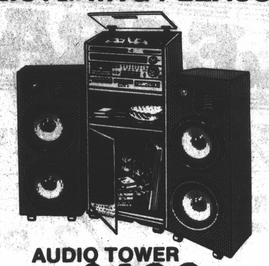

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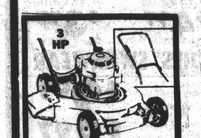

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